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ARRESTS MADE FOR GAMBLING

Proprietors of Puritan and Big Bear Saloons Placed Under Arrest.

COUNTY ATTORNEY ROY E. AYERS

Makes the Complaint and Parties Are Held Under Bonds of \$500 to Answer Preliminary Hearing.

Last Thursday morning County Attorney Ayers and Sheriff L. P. Slater, armed with warrants issued out of Justice McFarland's court, placed under arrest L. S. Butler and M. J. Burke, proprietors of the Puritan saloon, and William Slaughter, an employe of that resort. Dan Frazier and Carl Hagenson, proprietors of the Big Bear saloon, were also arrested. These men were charged with violating the gambling law. At the former places under arrest. At the former place a roulette table was secured and at the latter a poker table was taken into custody by the sheriff and loaded into a wagon and carted away for safe keeping by the sheriff pending the result of the trial.

The proprietors were taken before Justice McFarland where they entered a plea of not guilty and bail was fixed at \$500 in each case which was readily given by the four parties arrested.

The preliminary hearing was set for October 12th.

The arrests caused a surprise as it was unlooked for by either sporting fraternity or the public. If gambling has been carried on since the County Attorney issued his order that it must be closed it has been conducted behind closed doors and the general public was not wise to the situation. Mr. Ayers was interviewed by a Democrat representative last Saturday, but was reticent as to the facts stating that he had what he deemed to be sufficient proofs to warrant him in taking the steps necessary to a scrupulous enforcement of the law.

As to his reasons for causing the arrests, Mr. Ayers talked very earnestly and freely in regard to the matter, his statement of his position being as follows:

"When I gave out the order some weeks ago that gambling must cease in Lewistown, it was done after the most careful and deliberate consideration of the consequences that would follow my action. I became convinced that something must be done to eradicate that undesirable element from our community. Some of our citizens attributed the recent crimes committed in Lewistown to the fact that the city was known throughout the state as a 'wide open town,' where everything went and that by reason of this thugs and boosters flocked here from every section of the state, and that the commission of crimes in our midst might be traced to this cause. I am not prepared to say that this is true, but I do say that this impression prevailed to a large extent among the better element. But, however, be that as it may, every law-abiding citizen will agree with me in the conclusion arrived at, that is, that conditions were becoming intolerable and that something had to be done to check the commission of crime in our city. Complaints were coming to me daily of the overt acts committed in gambling houses and I determined that my duty to the people of the county was to enforce the laws against gambling, and the order, accordingly, was given.

In making the complaint against the proprietors of the two houses, which led to their arrests, and about which there has been so much discussion, I desire to state that I was in no sense moved to such action by any personal malice or animosity toward a single individual. Since causing these arrests rumors have come to my ears that other houses are or were conducting gambling, or permitting it to be done. If such is the case I have no knowledge of it and I desire to state here, most emphatically, that if such is the case and any reputable parties will place the proofs before me, I pledge you, that complaints will be made at once exactly as has been done in the other two cases. I want the public to understand clearly, once and for all, that I am going to enforce this law to the best of my ability, without fear or favor, "let the chips fall where they may, I shall heed to the line."

From the foregoing it would appear that the county attorney was in earnest about the matter and that he would not take a step backward from the stand taken when he issued his mandate a few weeks ago. The prosecution of these cases will be watched with interest.

St. James' Church.

The Right Rev. L. R. Brewer, bishop of Montana, will be a visitor in Lewistown this week, arriving on Friday's train. He will preach next Sunday.

both morning and evening, and at the close of the morning service will administer confirmation. The bishop will also address and catechize the Sunday school, which will meet (for this time) at quarters before one. A full attendance is requested, both for the services and the Sunday school. On Tuesday evening the bishop will hold a service at the Forest Grove school house.

H. G. WAKEFIELD, Rector.

TIVOLI LICENSE IS REDUCED

To \$75 Per Month--Many Matters of Interest Discussed and Discussed of By the City Council.

The city council held its regular monthly meeting last night with Mayor Pinkley and every alderman, except H. C. Brown, present. The auditing committee was busily engaged in the examination of the various bills and claims against the city until after 10 o'clock, when the mayor called the meeting to order. The report of the auditing committee was approved and warrants were ordered drawn for the various amounts allowed by the committee.

Treasurer Murray Deaton's report was read and approved, the report showing the condition of the city's finances, being as follows:

General fund, \$3,013.31; fire fund, \$73.50; library fund, \$1,531.28; water works fund, \$899.65; sinking fund, \$1,445.89; dog fund, \$104.25; total \$4,746.25; overdrafts, road fund, \$541.63; water and sewer bond fund, \$1,759.95

At Alderman Laux' suggestion, Alderman Smith moved that the sum of \$1,500 be transferred from the general fund and divided equally to the credit of the road fund and the water and sewerage bond fund. The motion prevailed and the treasurer was authorized to make such transfers. This action on the part of the council will be of benefit to those who had labor claims against the road fund and their warrants will be cashed for face value.

Police Magistrate MacGowan's and Marshal Burke's reports for the month showed fines assessed, \$274 fines collected, \$252.50.

The amendment relating to the ordinance as to dog license was, after some discussion, adopted. The pound keeper under the new ordinance is allowed \$2.00 for each dog killed, the amount of the license for keeping a dog within the city limits.

The application of George S. Wells to construct a two story building of stone and brick in conformity with the city ordinances as to fire, on Main street, adjoining the First National bank building, was granted.

Roy E. Ayers appeared before the council in an effort to secure the opening of Cochran street. The proposition evoked much discussion and was opposed by both Aldermen Laux and Smith. It appears that a small corner on Moshner's ice pond extends into the street and will have to be filled to which proposition Moshner is said to seriously object. It was decided finally that if the property owners interested would guarantee to save the city from any expense or damage in condemnation proceedings, the council would proceed to open the street and a motion to this effect was carried.

Attorney W. H. Smith then appeared before the council with a proposition to reduce the license upon saloon singing and concert halls, and as to why the reduction should be made, Alderman Smith then addressed the council citing the statute governing such cases, which provides that a license for such places cannot exceed the amount of the state license, viz: \$75 per month. It will be remembered that at a special meeting of the council some two weeks ago, this license was raised from \$2.00 to \$10.00 per day. After some discussion a motion prevailed that the license in the future be fixed at the limit of \$75 per month.

George S. Creel asked that a low place in the road to the country between Eighth avenue and Geo. W. Cook's residence be filled in. The request was granted and the street commissioner was instructed to have the work done.

Alderman Laux arose to a question of personal privilege and made a statement as to his connection with the new bridge across Main street near the new flouring mill. The council showed their appreciation of the work done by Mr. Laux by extending to him a vote of thanks of the council. Mr. Laux, however asked for a committee to be appointed to investigate charges, he alleges to have been made, of bad faith, and Mayor Pinkley then appointed Aldermen Smith, Tubb and Bradbury as members of the committee. There being no further business the council then adjourned.

See Hugh Wagner, the Jeweler.

He would be pleased to have you call and inspect his new store. If you want a nice plain gold band ring he will make it for you. Old gold in trade. Call and inspect his stock and save yourself some money, as his rent is cheap and he can afford to give you the benefit. He will repair your watch or ring on the shortest possible notice. Remember, he manufactures jewelry of all kinds. Don't fail to call.

The Lewistown Commission Agency moved to Cort & Worden bldg. opp. Day House. Buy and sell anything.

POST OFFICE IS ROBBED

Clever Trick Is Turned By Mysterious Thief Who Gets Away With \$450 of Government Funds.

UNCLE SAM WILL INVESTIGATE

Post Office Officials Very Reticent and Refuse to Discuss the Robbery.

Last Friday morning it leaked out despite the efforts of the authorities to the contrary that the Lewistown Post office had been robbed of about \$450 in currency and silver by some ingenious who was both daring and clever.

The facts as near as we can ascertain them are as follows: Some time between 9:30 and 10:30 o'clock Thursday night, while the clerk who sleeps in the post office was absent, the party committing the robbery entered the building, which had not been locked for the night, and climbing over the partition proceeded directly to the safe where in some manner, he solved the combination to the safe and vault and hurriedly helped himself to the funds in sight, and equally as hurriedly, took his departure by the same route he had entered. This seems to be the only possible theory that can be advanced as to how the robbery was committed. The rear doors were locked, the windows are all protected by heavy iron bars and not a glass was broken nor a rod sprung. In fact, there was not a trace left indicating that the office had been visited save the fact that the funds had disappeared. The robber was even considerate enough to lock the safe prior to taking his departure and when the clerk, who sleeps in the office, returned to retire for the night at about 10:30 p. m. there was nothing to put him upon his guard that a caller had been there during his absence and he retired for the night as unconcerned as he has in the past.

In the morning when the safe was opened for the business of the day the robbery was discovered. There was a hurried call for Sheriff Slater and Marshal Burke who went over the ground investigating everything carefully, but not the slightest clue was visible and the robbery today is as profound a mystery as ever.

The authorities at Washington were at once notified and an effort was made to keep the matter quiet in the hopes that something might develop on the outside that would lead to the perpetrators of the crime might be, but the matter got out in some manner and towards evening was generally known on the streets.

Post Master Pfau is still inclined to not discuss the affair any more than to admit that the robbery occurred and it is possible that he may have some information that it is not desirable to give to the public at this time.

It must be said in justice to Postmaster Pfau that he has for some months urged and insisted upon the representatives of the owner of the building to place a screen around the frame work of the boxes to the ceiling in order that the front door of the office might be left open until a reasonable hour for the accommodation of the patrons, and it was only upon notice that he would refuse to pay any more rent until this work was done that the matter was taken up by the lessors. When they did so finally, they were compelled to send east for the screen necessary for the work, and in the meantime the post office is robbed and someone will be looser to the extent of \$450. The screen is now in position, carpenters working all day Sunday to complete the work, but it is a great deal like locking the stable after the horse has been stolen.

TOM FRANKLIN FOUND DEAD

In His Cabin Down On the Judith Last Saturday Morning--Sheriffs Office Notified.

Last Saturday evening Sheriff L. P. Slater received a message by telephone from Kendall to the effect that one Tom Franklin had been found dead in his cabin down on the Judith river near the old 79 ranch and close to Frank Fuller's ranch. County Attorney Ayers was notified and he and deputy Sheriff Fisher started for the Franklin place about 9 o'clock Saturday evening, going via Kendall. Upon arriving at Kendall they met Mr. Fuller and Mr. Johnson, who had brought the word to Kendall, and upon learning the facts from these gentlemen, Mr. Ayers decided that an in-

quest was unnecessary and after so instructing Messrs. Fuller and Johnson to that effect returned home.

The facts are, as we get them from Mr. Ayers, about as follows: Franklin had been in Lewistown during the fair on a protracted spree and leaving for home he stopped at Kendall for a day or two, where he continued drinking quite heavily. Starting from Kendall for his home he secured some laudnum, which he is said to have been in the habit of taking after his customary spree in order that he might quiet his nerves and thereby secure some much needed sleep. Two parties, whose names we did not learn, were present when Franklin took the dose of opiates and knew the reason for his doing so. They left shortly afterwards and the next morning (Saturday) Johnson stopped at the Franklin place when he discovered that Franklin was dead, never having aroused from the slumber after taking the laudnum. Mr. Fuller was notified and he and Johnson came on into Kendall and notified the authorities.

The deceased was a single man some 45 years of age and, so far as known, has no relatives in this state. The neighbors took charge of the remains and they were decently buried last Sunday.

Franklin had taken up a ranch and had some three or four head of horses which constituted all of his possessions at the time of his death.

CATTLE SHIPMENT OF NINE CARS

Made By C. V. Vassau Who Has Purchased Some Choice Beef Cattle.

C. V. Vassau, of St. Paul who has been in Fergus County for the past two weeks picking up beef cattle for his firm, loaded nine cars at the Lewistown stock yards last Thursday morning and were sent out on a special train for Lombard where they will be transferred to the Northern Pacific track.

The shipment was gathered from Dr. J. H. Willard, T. E. McKolin & Son, C. P. Colver and others and are said to have been in excellent condition for the market. They were consigned to the Commission house of C. L. Haas & Co., of St. Paul.

The prices paid by Mr. Vassau are said to have been quite liberal, ranging from \$35 to \$45 for three and four year old steers and \$25 for dry cows which were quite satisfactory to the producers who sold to him. He expects to return and will endeavor to pick up another train load from this section of the state.

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Your receipt for the Registered Letter or Money Order is proof that you have sent me the money.

Write all names plainly, with Post Office address.

W. G. EGGLESTON,
Box 1187, Helena, Montana.

For Sale.

We have a ranch of 480 acres to a good stock country, with plenty of adjacent range, and 120 head of cattle, calves thrown in, five head of good work horses, wagon, harness, mowing machine and agricultural implements; will sell the whole layout for \$4,000. This is a snap. Cause for selling, old age and sickness. Call on or address, HILGER & BUSENBURG, Lewistown, Mont.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between J. L. Hall and C. C. Whipple known as under the firm name of Hall & Whipple, of Gilt Edge, Montana, and conducting "The Retreat" saloon, has been dissolved by mutual consent. C. C. Whipple will continue the business and will collect all bills due and pay all outstanding indebtedness of the firm.

J. L. HALL,
C. C. WHIPPLE.

Dated Sept. 27, 1905.

Do you like to be jobbed by grafting politicians? If you don't, read The State, an independent weekly paper by W. G. Eggleston, Helena. \$1 a year.

Seed Wheat.

After next Friday I will have a limited quantity of fine Turkey red seed wheat for sale. Price, \$2.00 per bushel. A sample of same can be seen at the Democrat office. J. W. HUGHES.

MINING MEN VISIT DISTRICT

And Are Enthusiastic Over the Opportunities For Investment.

A DEAL FOR PROPERTY IS ON

That Means Much For Fergus County and the Development of Our Mineral Resources.

A. S. Wright, always industrious, always moving, always energetic, always progressive, left last Saturday morning for Chicago in company with a party of mining experts who have been looking over the district for the past two weeks, where he goes to close up an important mining deal.

Just what the deal is we are not in a position to state. But enough information was given out to warrant us in stating that we may look for some important developments in the near future.

In the party were Professor Henry J. Powers, representing the Cudahy, the great packing house man of Omaha & Chicago, Mr. A. L. Reid and Geo. T. Carr, each of whom represent capital that will be invested in the deal. The Democrat man had a pleasant interview with these gentlemen and while they were inclined to be reserved as to the particular transaction in which all were interested, they spoke immediately as to their ideas upon the vast mineral resources of Fergus Co.

Prof. Powers, of whom it may be said there are few equals as an expert of mining properties is a scholarly gentleman who has had vast experience in the line of work connected with his profession, spoke entertainingly and enthusiastically concerning the wonderful possibilities of our future from the standpoint of an adept mining man. In the course of his conversation, among other things he said: "I have visited the great Transvaal Gold fields of South Africa, the mineral regions of Central and South America, the Honduras, the fields of Alaska, Old Mexico and nearly every prominent district within the United States and no where have I ever seen a country that gave so much promise as does your mineral district here. I have spent two weeks in your Country this time and was here some three years ago when I gained a slight insight as to the possibilities of your district from a mining standpoint but not until this visit did I realize the enormous mineral wealth that your fields conceal, and speaking generally as to the varied and diversified resources of your Country, nature certainly has been exceedingly generous with your Country. Your mineral resources are practically unlimited, your abundant coal fields, your vast agricultural resources and great stock interests constitute the foundation of a country whose possibilities are beyond measure."

"Now, as to what we have accomplished while here I can only say for your paper, that we are going to do some work, and not upon any trifling scale either. There are plenty of means behind us and when we take hold it will mean much for your district."

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ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

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Hair switches for sale and made to order. Mrs. Wallace, the palmist.

Don't overlook the Judith Hardware Co. when requiring plumbing done.

Spanish language taught by Mrs. Wallace, the palmist, Day House.

Gordon O. Shafer, cashier of the Citizens Bank of Moore, Sundayed in this city.

W. A. Shaules, the mining man of Kendall, was a business visitor in the city last Sunday.

F. T. Robertson, superintendent of the Montana railroad, was in the city Thursday last week.

P. J. Kelly, the traveling salesman of Helena, was in the city several days during the past week.

Messrs. William Peters and T. Thorp, accompanied by their wives, were in from Utica last Friday.

Messrs. John P. Barnes and J. T. Wunderlin went out for a visit to the state fair on yesterday's train.

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Mrs. J. B. Ritch went out on yesterday's train to Helena, where she will spend some two or three weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. L. Mears of this city departed on Monday's train for Helena. She will visit the grand lodge of Hathbone Sisters and incidentally see the fair.

Mrs. H. C. Brown departed on this morning's train for Helena, where she will join her husband who has charge of Fergus county's agricultural exhibit at the state fair.

Samuel Hurvitch was down from Gilt Edge the latter part of the week remaining over Sunday in the city. He reports Gilt Edge being prosperous and her citizens peaceful and contented.

Our street commissioner will find a crossing at the corner of Third avenue and Jancaux street in need of repairs. A few dollars spent in repairs might save the city a damage suit in the future.

J. J. Lewis came over from Gilt Edge last Sunday evening and on Monday morning left for Helena where he goes to attend the grand lodge K. of P. as a representative from the endowment lodge at Gilt Edge.

C. C. Long and Peter Binsfelt have formed a co-partnership and have established a harness shop at Moore. They will endeavor to carry a general and complete line of goods necessary to the operation of a first class shop.

A block of 5,000 shares of the Bullard extension was sold today to W. A. Long for 12 1/2 cents by the Lewistown Commission agency who have the handling of the treasury stock of that company in Fergus county.

Harry Brown left for Helena last Saturday and will remain until the close of the fair. Mr. Brown took with him a fine collection of agricultural products to be placed on exhibition at the state fair.

Judge E. K. Cheadle went out to White Sulphur Springs yesterday morning to attend to some court matters. Wednesday he will go to Helena where he will be joined by Mrs. Cheadle. They will return home the latter part of the week.

The Arcadia dancing club perfected an organization this week with E. W. Mettler as manager, Chas. Meyersick, treasurer, and Fred Trace floor manager. The club will give dances every other Friday evening the coming winter at Culver's hall.

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For the Montana State Fair at Helena Oct. 2nd to 7th a round trip rate of \$9.45 for adults and \$4.75 for children will be given. Tickets sold Sept. 30 to Oct. 7th, inclusive, good to return up to Oct. 9th. D. A. Kabbe, Agent.

Fred Pierre, the gentlemanly dispenser of liquid refreshments at the Silver Dollar, went out to Helena last Saturday morning for a two weeks' vacation. It is said that Fred will return a benedict at the expiration of the leave of absence. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Parrott and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Smith left Monday morning for Helena. Messrs. Parrott and Smith will represent Judith Lodge No. 39, K. of P., in the grand lodge which convenes in Helena today. Mesdames Parrott, Ritch and Smith will represent Agnes Temple, Hathbone Sisters in the grand lodge which meets in Helena at the same time of the grand lodge K. of P.

Fred S. Godfrey and Miss Helen McMahon were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at the Bowman ranch, opp. Spring creek, last Wednesday. Rev. Henry Quekenden officiating. The groom is well and favorably known in Lewistown where he has many friends. The bride has made her home for some time with Mr. and Mrs. D. C. White and is highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances in this city.

First class furnished rooms at reasonable prices at the Hall lodging house.

At a meeting of the library building committee held last Thursday afternoon the question was discussed as to how far back from the sidewalk the building should be located. The consensus of opinion of those present favored about 25 feet. Chairman F. E. Smith appointed a committee composed of Geo. M. Stone, H. C. Brown and David Hilger to determine the matter. The contract for the construction work was signed with Tubb Bros.